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AFDROUGHT FOR SKILES PASS OSRO

FOLLOWING REPEAT STATE 108102 SENT ACTION COTONOU NIAMEY

BAMAKO AND ABIDJAN DTD 08 MAY 75

QUOTE:

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AFDROUGHT

E.O. 11652: B N/A

TAGS:

SUBJECT: COTONOU/GAO FOOD SHIPMENTS.

REF: COTONOU 589

1. IN VIEW FACT THAT PROPOSED U.S. SPONSORED FOOD SHIPMENTS FOR GAO WILL INVOLVE THREE V GOVERNMENTS AND REQUIRE CAREFUL MONITORING DURING JUNE AND JULY, AID/W HAS ASKED FFPO WILLARD PEARSON TO PROVIDE OVERALL AID COORDINATION FOR COTONOU/GAO RUN. PEARSON WILL WORK OUT OF NIAMEY AND BE AVAILABLE FOR FREQUENT CONSULTATION ON VARIOUS PROBLEMS WHICH WILL INEVITABLY ARISE IN CONNECTION WITH THESE FOOD SHIPMENTS.

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2. PEARSON IS CURRENTLY IN U.S.A. AND WILL BE BRIEFED IN AID/W ON VARIOUS ALTERNATIVE STRATEGIES WHICH V CAN BE RESORTED TO IF CURRENTLY CONTEMPLATED APPROACH PROVES UNWOTRKABLE.

3. WE ANTICIPATE PEARSON WILL ARRIVE COTONOU (ON WAY TO NIAMEY) O/A MAY 15 BUT WILL ADVISE EXACT ETA.

4. REQUEST POSTS' HELPFUL REPORTING CONTINUE. KISSINGER

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